

**CITY OF KINGMAN
REGULAR MEETING OF GOLF COURSE ADVISORY**

**Council Chambers
310 N. 4th Street
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4:30 P.M.

Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Members:	Officers:	Visitors Signing In:
Frank Gurzi, Chairperson	M. Meersman, Parks and Recreation Director/Golf Course Superintendent	See attached list
David Dale	L. Carver, Council Liaison	
Joe Farner	L. Pitts, Cerbat Cliffs Manager	
Bill Fogg	K. Fogg, Recording Secretary	
Julie Moon		
Kelly Pickering		

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Chairperson Gurzi called the meeting to order at [4:30 p.m.](#) roll call was taken.

Commission Members Present: Farner, Fogg, Gurzi, Moon

Staff: Meersman, Yocum, Fogg

Commission Member Excused: Dale, Pickering

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2014.

Commission Member Bill Fogg made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2014. Commission Member Joe Farner SECONDED and minutes were APPROVED by a vote of 4-0.

2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Those wishing to address the Commission should fill out request forms in advance. Action taken as a result of public comments will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for consideration and decision at a later time pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 et al. Comments from the Public will be restricted to items not on the agenda. There will be no comments allowed that advertise for a particular person or group. Comments should be limited to no longer than 2 minutes.

No one from the public to speak.

3. WELCOME NEW MEMBER/STAFF

Commission Chairperson Gurzi greeted and welcomed new member, Julie Moon, to the commission.

Councilman Carver was out of town on other business.

4. OPEN MEETING LAWS

See Attachments

City Clerk, Sydney Muhle, presented the annual open meeting laws review to commission members.

5. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Due to the total members present, a motion and vote for chairperson would need to be tabled until the May Meeting.

6. GOLF PRO'S REPORT / COURSE PLAY

Levi Pitts was not available for the meeting. Director Mike Meersman advised postponing part of the report until the next meeting when Levi is present.

The course play numbers and upcoming tournaments are listed in your packet. Some groups have not verified that would be having their tournament on the same date. Levi is working on getting the rest signed up.

The rates recommended to exclude sheet is also in the packet. If you have looked at it and have any questions, he would be happy to answer them. There is only two or three he recommended excluding. Director Meersman wanted to hold off and talk about it at the next meeting. The two in yellow, they should consider combining because there are so many different rates. The others, hardly anyone uses. The off season rates in yellow, maybe if there was just one off season rate. Instead of having a seven day and five day, make the seven day slightly less and have that cover everything. Super Saver Cards, hardly anyone uses and he wants to get away from those. This could be discussed at the next meeting.

Member Fogg stated that he has seen, in the local publications, an ad for four golf courses down in the tristate area that you could pay one fee and for thirty days you could play any one of the four courses. Have you or Levi seen that promotion.

Director Meersman said he hadn't seen the promotion.

Member Fogg said he would bring the ad to show him. He didn't know if we could look at hooking up with whoever is doing something like that but he's under the impression it's geared toward snowbirds. The fee may be \$400 for unlimited golf for thirty days.

A Motion by Member Fogg for Ad discussion on the Promotion from the Ads Pay Booklet or any other possible promotions. Motion was seconded by Member Julie Moon, all favored by vote of 4-0.

7. GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Report Attached

Director Meersman touched on some key points.

Snow cover we recently had was the longest we've ever had since he's been here and the course was closed for five days. It usually melts that day or the next.

We have to be very cautious due to liability reasons when there's ice around the course so we have to be very careful about that. The shaded areas and the greens where the ice got thick, in order to open on that sixth day we had to flush the ice out of the ground with water.

The greens are doing well this winter.

The new putting green is coming in nicely.

We've done some work on the water retention areas. Behind the driving range, that area is holding three times the amount of water it used to. We dug a lot of soil out of there to do the project on #18.

The retention area left of #2 is finished. We tripled the size of that area.

The staff and inmates are spending time on the tees filling in divots with sand/seed mix. He encourages all golfers to do that as well.

The forward tee on #10 is filling in nicely and will be using it soon.

Tree pruning has been done. An unhealthy tree by #15 green had to be taken out. A lot of the trees on the course were planted too close to the greens and any time they are planted that closely the tree roots come out onto the green taking the nutrients and moisture from the green. Root pruning has been done in those areas also.

People don't like when we take out trees but we have also planted forty trees this year. It may look like we're not replenishing, but they were planted in the wrong place to start. It's important to work at keeping the trees healthy. The willows by #9, several by #15 were pruned up.

Subsurface draining was installed by #17 green cart path.

Cart path improvements up to #17 turned out nice. It has a turnaround up there and will make it a lot easier for everybody to get closer to the green and not have such a long walk up there.

The cart path to the left of #15 turned out better than he would have envisioned. Next year we're going around the right side of #15 green and tie a cart path into the one in back. We want to minimize the traffic in front of the greens where it's almost down to the dirt in those areas.

The composting rate this year was cut in half and is aged a lot more and dried. Toward the end of last year's composting we were getting some compost that hadn't had a chance to dry as well. It was all tested and safe but had a lot more odor. The odor isn't as bad this year.

Member Farner added that the odor wasn't as bad and was an amazing improvement.

Director Meersman stated that it works so good that on #16 fairway you can see the areas we've done and it looks beautiful in those areas. It also helps come through the winter.

The #18 fairway widening project where the cities property line is much closer than we had originally thought comes right to the edge of the cart path on #18. If the neighbors wanted to they could ask us to make that out of bounds and not allow people to play from that area. So before that ever occurred we decided to widen it out to the left and it's filling in nicely. It was seeded January 23rd and if you've been out there, it's unbelievable how green it is.

The mess on #11, the water supplied to the maintenance facility comes from the meter behind #1 green. The pipe runs all across the golf course to #11 and then starts turning toward the maintenance building. We've had six leaks in that pipe and to find the leaks we have to dig all that area up. We're in communication with the water department and looking into getting a new meter installed on Greenway. The water line to feed the maintenance facility was put in before Greenway and all the houses on Greenway were there. That's why it came from #1 and all across there. The 1 1/2" pipe isn't enough to handle the fire suppression irrigation that's in our maintenance facility. To put a new meter by Greenway, we'll put a larger pipe that will handle the fire suppression system a lot better. It's important that it gets in and done properly.

On #12 where there was a hump, we've removed the sod up to the green and leveled the hump down and we're going to cut that down to fringe height, there will be an approach to the green. Being a long par 5 and into the wind, we thought it would be better so people would have an opportunity to run it on there. Even if they land there, the shot to get it to be able to salvage a par will be a more reasonable shot. The way the mound was and length of grass it was hard to cut down. It will be cut down to the height of the fringe mowers on the greens.

The crew has done a great job over the winter with the projects they've completed. It's encouraging when a vision for how a project should turn out and it turns out even better

than you thought it would be. We've had so many of them to turn out that way. The cart paths on #17 and #15, those both really nice and will make those holes much better.

We utilized 1,245 hours of inmate labor and that's been a big help for us, filling in divots, raking bunkers, edging cart paths, a lot of those tasks that take a lot of labor.

Member Fogg asked about the work going on at #12 with the little round about for the carts at the end of the cart path, the area was real mushy. Was this a sprinkler malfunction or the sign with the problem we have on #15 because everybody takes their carts there?

Director Meersman said it was primarily because everybody goes there but what we did was found that a lot of our sprinklers out the front and a nozzle off the back that gets the closer area and some have two nozzles off the front that get right around the head. On that hole we capped one of those nozzles, so that area should be getting better. Today we sand top dressed that whole area. So if you get some sand in there, it will help the wet compacted area.

Member Fogg also reported that the sand trap to the right on the back of #15, are you closing that in?

Director Meersman stated that both were made bigger. It's a saving bunker, you're better off hitting there and staying there, then running back. When bunkers are too small, they're hard to maintain with mechanical trap rakes. You can't get in and make big turns and you leave big ridges, that's why we like to have them a little larger to maintain them better.

Member Fogg asked if there was a target date for the new fairway on #18.

Director Meersman said it's growing in beautiful but it's hard to tell. So much depends on the weather. We composted the whole area which will help too.

Member Farner asked if there was really a problem with frost delay on the driving range.

Director Meersman stated that if people walk up there when its frost it does do damage to the grass. We have a hard time keeping grass on the tee because of all the traffic it gets. Also, if we watered down the range for people to use, they would also start playing on #16. So it's a combination of both problems. The Pro Shop is not close enough to that area to control what people are doing.

Member Farner stated he had never heard of a delay for frost on a driving range. The two or three people on it in the morning, is that really going to do a lot of damage?

Director Meersman stated that it does because wherever they are walking, it kills the grass.

Member Farner said that you could walk across a public park at any time of day and never really see any damage in a public park.

Director Meersman said you can see damage. Come to Centennial, by his office, and see the bad turf from the kids at Kingman Academy constantly walking on it. Also tee height is cut at 3/8", that's going to get damaged more than grass that's cut at 3". A lot of golf courses will have synthetic turf across the back of the driving range tee. So when it is frosty, people can go on that and hit off of those mats. We may want to look at getting a section across the back of the tee with that material during a frost delay.

Member Farner sees a lot of people hanging around for more than an hour, they could be utilizing the driving range. Does the city get the revenue from that?

Director Meersman said the city does get a percentage from the range.

Member Farner said that could be revenue the city is losing out on. It would give golfers something to do while waiting out the frost delay.

Director Meersman said they try to water off down #1 fairway and #2 fairway to get them out there earlier. If you wash the frost off its not damaging as the sun starts coming up. The time is gets the coldest is right before the sun is coming up. We usually wait until 38 or 39 degrees before turning on the sprinklers and watering the frost off. If you do it too early, there will be patches of ice and people can slip and fall. We try to get people to not come to the golf course so early when there is frost.

Member Moon said that the city maintains the driving range and if we're ruining the driving range, we're spending more time fixing it.

Member Farner said there are so divots out there I can't see where a handful of footprints would damage it anymore.

Director Meersman stated the gate would be closed because many time in the past it would be closed and we would let people up on the range, then look and they would be going down #16 fairway. It's a combination of a lot of those things.

Member Farner said that now they would have an idea of what to tell some of these people.

8. MEMBER REPLACEMENT

Director Meersman said Mr. Vandagriff is interested. Mr. Powell is out of town. Last meeting they were unavailable to come to the meeting and speak.

Member Moon asked if there was a description of the actual purpose of this commission. She has heard a lot of the members talk at the last meeting and now and hopes that people aren't wanting to join this commission to put in their blurbs on how they want the golf course run or changed. We do what's best for the city and the golf course and we take from experience and knowledge and hope the member is good but what is the description of what we are to do here.

Chairperson Gurzi said that he and Mr. Meersman just had a discussion about that before the meeting. He's been on the commission for almost seven years and it's just a meeting. He asked Mike basically what the commission was set up for, what is our purpose. We can't vote on anything that would make a difference to the golf course. We can make recommendations to the council and basically we are here to help the golf course in any way we see fit. As far as a break down, Mike says there's something there and asked if he could bring it to the next meeting.

Director Meersman said he would email you and put it in the agenda packet too.

Chairperson Gurzi would like to discuss at the next meeting what our purpose as a commission is, what are we supposed to do. He's been here for seven years and has been in some meetings that were just crazy. Good question Julie we should discuss and go over the purpose of this commission.

After looking over applications and discussion a Motion was made by Joe Farnier to recommend James Powell to the commission. Motion was seconded by Member Fogg, all members favored by 4-0 vote.

9. WATER CONSERVATION

Report Attached

Director Meersman presented a power point presentation for Water Conservation which entails:

- Mother Nature's Variables
 - Heat
 - Cold
 - Wind
 - Humidity
 - Rain Amounts
 - Soil Type

10. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Meersman stated the next meeting is May 20, 2015

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Limited to announcements, availability/attendance at conferences and seminars, requests for agenda items for future meetings.

Member Fogg inquired about the purchasing a roto-rooter.

Director Meersman said that Home Depot, over time, sells the ones they rent and that he would like to get one. He is on their list to be called when one is available.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Bill Fogg made a MOTION to ADJOURN. Commission Member Joe Farnier SECONDED and was APPROVED by a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:30 p.m.

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MOHAVE)ss:
CITY OF KINGMAN)

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION MINUTES

I, Karen Fogg, Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary of the City of Kingman, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Golf Course Advisory Commission of the City of Kingman held on November 19, 2014.

Dated this _____ day of February, 2015

Karen Fogg, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary